

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

February 18th 2018



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Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*

Prelude: Ricercare, G. Palestrina

Medio Registro Alto de Primer Tono, Francisco Peraza

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering,
you would not be pleased.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.** *Psalm 51:10,15-17*

❖ **Hymn 132:** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

❖ **Prayer of approach** (ending with the Lord's Prayer)
(*please say this in whichever language or version you prefer.*)

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Word of God

- ❖ **Children's talk**
- ❖ **First Lesson** Mark 1:9-15 (New Testament, p.33)
- ❖ **Hymn 337:** *Forty days and forty nights*
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *Into the Woods My Master Went*, John Duro
- ❖ **Second Lesson:** Genesis 9:8-17 (Old Testament, p.7)
- ❖ **Hymn 21** (Psalm 25): *Lord, teach me all your ways*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 354:** *O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!*
- ❖ **Prayers of intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Lord Christ, God's Only Son*, J.G. Walther
- ❖ **Dedication: hymn 816** (tune: Regent Square) **followed by:**
Gracious God,
Your love surrounds us each day
and you provide our needs:
we offer to you
what we have and what we are,
and we commit ourselves
to the life of your kingdom
brought near in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
- ❖ **Hymn 484:** *Great God, your love has called us here*

Sending out with blessing *(followed by sung Amen)*



Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in a-min., J.S. Bach*

*Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.
Please turn off your mobile phones.*

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
The reader is Judi Haynes-Smart. Prayers of intercession are led by
Mattia Falcone. Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone &
Sarah Wang.*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for **refreshments** after the service.

If you are new you might like to visit our **Welcome Desk**.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- **Sunday School** and **Junior Church** meet at the Lutheran Church, 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. Parents are asked to collect their children after the service.
- **Prayer:** Someone (Judi Haynes Smart) is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: Wednesday 20th Feb – **Bible Study**, 7:30pm at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat.
- **Lent devotions:** Please note that during this season of Lent there are daily devotions on our church's website that you are invited to access.
- **Municipal elections** are coming soon in Amsterdam and one of our members, Elisabeth IJmker is standing as a candidate. After our morning service next Sunday, on Feb 25th, Elisabeth will discuss the main issues at stake. Please stay and hear Elisabeth.
- There will be a short service in our church for the **World Day of Prayer** on Friday, March 2nd at 10:30am. For information see Ingrid Sørensen.
- **Attention all who READ or would like to read or lead prayers in church!** There will be a training session for anyone interested on Sat. March 17th, at the church, 10:00am – 1:00pm, with Eric Foggitt, a speech trainer. Interested? Speak to Lance or sign up on the notice board.
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- The **WhatsApp Bible reading group**, reading through **Mark's Gospel** meets after church today in the Deaconry Room around 12 noon. Anyone interested in possibly joining this group is welcome to come along.
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church is committed to cooking lunch at this homeless shelter every second Monday of the month. Interested? Please contact Tom Flanagan: dekloof@ercadam.nl.
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of www.ercadam.nl.

Bible Readings for the Coming Weeks

These follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a programme of readings followed by churches all over the world. We normally use two of these passages in our services, sometimes quoting the Psalm in our Call to Worship. The passage or passages we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Feb 25th; **Genesis 17:1-7,15-16**; Psalm 22:23-31; Mark 8:31-38; Romans 4:13-25.
Mar 4th: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; John 2:13-22 1 Corinthians 1:18-25.

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